Representation of lady staff at ICWA Library regarding misbehaviour

2735. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the representation of lady staff at the ICWA Library regarding misbehaviour and harassment by officers of the Council;

(b) if so, what action was taken on the representations; and

(c) what measures Government have taken for their protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICWS is an autonomous body and Government has no control over it. Thus, the question of taking any action does not arise.

Government hopes that the ICWA will take necessary action in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Discussion with China on supply of Arms to Pakistan

2736. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China the question of supply of M-11 missiles by China to Pakistan and other issues relating to India security perceptions in the context of growing Pakistani defence preparedness came up for discussion;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the out-come thereof indicating the terms of agreements or understanding reached as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) In our discussions with the Chinese Government, including during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China, Government have consistently expressed our concern regarding supply of sophisticated arms and missiles to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements of defence, which pose a threat to India's security and are not conducive to peace and stability in South Asia. The chinese Government have said that their supply of limited arms to Pakistan is normal in international terms and will not undermine peace and security in the region.

Mediation by U.N. authorities on Kashmir issue

2737. DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen press reports to the effect that Government of India may not be averse to the mediation by U.N. authorities on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Press reports that Government of India may not be averse to the mediation by UN authorities on Kashmir issue are not correct. India remains committed to Simla Agreement under which India and Pakistan have to discuss all issues bilaterally.